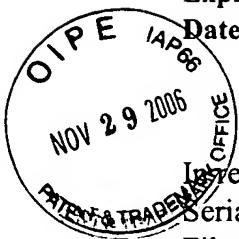


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

Please enter the following on the record in response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006 in the above-identified application. Enclosed, herewith, is a petition for a five (5) month extension of time along with the requisite fee as set out in 37 CFR 1.17. Thus, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-547.

Amendment to the claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page eight of this paper.